

REGION IV MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MINUTES

May 11, 2010 - 12:00 TO 2:00 PM

Ada County Sheriff's Office

7200 W Barrister, Boise, ID

CHAIR: Greg Dickerson

VICE CHAIR: Sharon Ullman

Attendees: Mary Rong, Gina Westcott, Kate Pape, Courtney Santillan, Ruth Vonk, Linda Zimmer, Scott Armentrout, Shelley Retter, Connie Cruser, Greg Dickerson, Laura Thomas, Vern Garrett, Elizabeth Baker

Excused Absences: Martha Ekhoft

<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action/Next Steps</u>
Introductions and Attendance	Greg Dickerson	<p>Gina introduced and welcomed Gayle Larson. She is Gina's Administrative Assistant and will be taking over as the Board's secretary.</p> <p>Greg introduced Kate Pape, who is taking over for Ron Freeman, as he has been given a new assignment. Kate is the Health Services Administrator for the jail.</p> <p>Introductions were made.</p>	
Review Agenda	Greg Dickerson	Items added to the agenda were McCall office update by Gina, Children Subcommittee update by Courtney.	
Update Member Information	Gayle Larson	Gayle handed out the membership roster for everyone to update.	
Medicaid Mental Health FY 2010 Budget	All	<p>Greg handed out a printout of a website link of the Medicaid budget status. Optional services represented a 23% cut, optional services being mental health and developmental disabilities. The article mentioned a possibility of capitation payments vs. fee for services. Concerns were expressed about getting the Medicaid system worked out in time to keep providers paid.</p> <p>Gina asked what the Board could do. Greg replied everyone can go to the meeting being held on May 18 and voice their opinion or take the on-line survey. The website lists different types of management methods. Courtney asked if Medicaid clients can be forced to attend trainings or classes to be able to get services. Ruth answered no. Services have already been reduced for providers by reducing the number of billable hours over the past few years.</p>	

		<p>With an additional 23%, Greg is very concerned.</p> <p>Connie asked about the public participation meetings. Greg has received the letters from Ross and sent them out.</p>	
Vacant MH Board Positions	All	<p>The Board has two vacant positions for parent of a child with SED. Gina asked Shelley, Courtney, Linda and Scott if they could spread the word and find someone interested.</p> <p>Karen Fagan is a consumer, but only has a ride into town when Jessica comes. She may not be able to continue on a regular basis due to this. Gina will contact her.</p> <p>Linda announced she is retiring as Boise County Commissioner as of January 2011, but she still wants to continue attending the Board meetings. This will, however, require a new Boise County Commissioner be appointed to the Board.</p> <p>The Hospital representative, Toni Lawson, is no longer available to serve on the Board. Gina will contact Jody Corlett to see if she may be interested.</p>	
Member Reports	All	<p>Gina reported on the McCall office situation. Commissioner Eld expressed concerns about the McCall office closure and requested a meeting. Gina, Ross and Steve Sparks travel to McCall and met with community members and providers, and viewed some potential office space available for Christy. The community has come up with some space that might be possible. A letter was sent to the County Commissioner with options, but we haven't heard back as of this date. Christy will work at home and telecommute. We can use a conference room somewhere to meet with clients and for Dr. Estess. We will continue working out the details.</p> <p>Courtney reported that the CHC conference is Friday and Saturday. CEU's and college credit is available.</p> <p>Courtney reported the MATCH "1, 2, 3 Magic" meets for three Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00. Meetings will be in Kuna, Idaho City, and Mountain Home and are for children 2-12 years old. Children's Mental Health Awareness day was May 6th. The Federation handed out milk and cookies at the Westgate office.</p>	

		<p>Laura reported the Regional Advisory RAC meeting was at Barrister on May 12th. She asked for the phone number for Mobile Crisis, which is 334-0800 or 334-0808.</p> <p>Vern reported that Substance Abuse continue to have budget issues. No assessments can be done until June, and treatment must wait until July. Medicaid gets services immediately. BPA took out a loan so they could continue services.</p> <p>Connie reported their pharmaceutical bank was very successful in Elmore County.</p> <p>Gina stated that Allumbaugh House started taking in patients last week.</p> <p>Kate stated that she manages the health services in jail for about 830 people. They manage mental health, medical, dental, and urgent essential care. They provide medical care 24/7.</p>	
		Meeting adjourned.	

Next meeting is June 8, 2010 at the Ada County Sheriff's Department.